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Applicant is submitting an Office Action from related co-pending US application no. 10/672,521 (US 2004/0108599 A1; copy enclosed), which shares the same Japanese priority application no. JP 11-183258, as the present case. US 6,661,096 B1 enclosed herewith, issued from the parent of the above '521 application.

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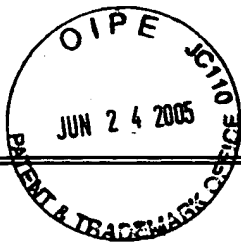
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